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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PINS, TW

SUBJECT: ARREST OF WANG HSING-NAN

REF: TAIPEI 651

1. WE SHARE YOUR CONCLUSION THAT LITTLE WILL BE GAINED
BY TAKING MOFA TO TASK ON WANG CASE. NEVERTHELESS, DEPT
BELIEVES IT IMPORTANT TO PUT ON THE RECORD OUR BELIEF
THAT THE ROC'S FAILURE TO PROVIDE TIMELY INFO ON SUS-
PECTS IN THE US AND THEIR DECISION TO RELEASE NAMES
PUBLICLY HAVE HAMPERED USG'S EFFORTS TO EFFECTIVELY
INVESTIGATE THIS CASE.

2. CONSEQUENTLY, EA/ROC DIRECTOR LEVIN RAISED MATTER
AT FEBRUARY 7 LUNCH WITH ROC EMBASSY MINISTER CHEN, WHO
HAD EARLIER REQUESTED THAT USG INVESTIGATE THIS CASE.
LEVIN STATED THAT FBI WAS ACTIVELY INVESTIGATING PAR-
CEL BOMB CASE, INCLUDING MOST RECENT CHARGES AGAINST
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CHANG AND LIN, AND HAD ALSO REOPENED INVESTIGATION
OF ROC EMBASSY LETTER BOMB INCIDENT. LEVIN SAID THAT
UNFORTUNATELY OUR INVESTIGATIONS HAD BEEN HAMPERED BY
THE ROC'S FAILURE TO PROVIDE TIMELY INFORMATION ABOUT
SUSPECTS IN THE US AND BY ITS DECISIONS TO PUBLICLY
RELEASE THE NAMES OF INDIVIDUALS IN THE US BEFORE THEY

COULD BE PROPERLY INVESTIGATED. WE WERE DISSATISFIED WITH ROC'S FAILURE TO ASSIST OUR INVESTIGATION AND WITH THE IMPLICATION THAT HAD BEEN LEFT BY THE ROC'S PUBLIC ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT THE US WAS HARBORING TERRORISTS, DESPITE OUR RECORD OF DETERMINED OPPOSITION TO INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM.

3. ALTHOUGH WE ARE NOT CERTAIN THAT CHEN WILL REPORT THESE REMARKS, EMBASSY NEED NOT INITIATE PARALLEL APPROACH IN TAIPEI. HOWEVER IF MOFA RAISES ISSUE, EMBASSY SHOULD COMMENT ALONG SAME LINES. ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS POSED PARA 8 REFTEL FOLLOW BY SEPTTEL.
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